# Lab Exercise 5– Terraform Variables with Command Line Arguments

## **Objective:**

Learn how to pass values to Terraform variables using command line arguments.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Terraform installed on your machine.
- Basic knowledge of Terraform variables.

#### **Steps:**

### 1. Create a Terraform Directory:

```
mkdir terraform-cli-variables
cd terraform-cli-variables
```

#### 2. Create Terraform Configuration Files:

• Create a file named main.tf:

```
main.tf > 1  terraform {
    required_providers {
        aws = {
            source = "hashicorp/aws"
            version = "5.32.1"
        }
      }
      provider "aws" {
        region = var.region
        access_key = "AKIAZW6RGWG6KYNVNEET"
      secret_key = "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"
      }
}
```

• Create a file named variables.tf:

# variables.tf

```
variable.tf > A variable "ami" > A default

variable "region" {
    description = "AWS region"
    default = "ap-south-1"
}

variable "ami" {
    description = "AMI ID"
    default = "ami-03f4878755434977f"
}

variable "instance_type" {
    description = "EC2 Instance Type"
    default = "t2.micro"
}
```

#### 3. Use Command Line Arguments:

```
PS E:\terraform-variables\terraform exp5> terraform init

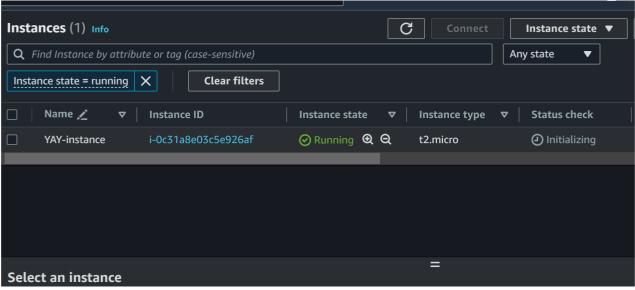
Initializing the backend...

Initializing provider plugins...
- Reusing previous version of hashicorp/aws from the dependency lock file
- Using previously-installed hashicorp/aws v5.32.1

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
```

#### 4. Test and Verify:



#### 5. Clean Up:

After testing, you can clean up resources:

#### terraform destroy

Confirm the destruction by typing yes.